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*JESUS,
remember me*

WHEN YOU
COME INTO
YOUR KINGDOM.

Luke 23:42



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Worship Service

Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Last Sunday of End Time — Christ the King

Theme of the day: The last Sunday of the church year emphasizes the Christian's final status. In Christ we have an eternal King who will protect us into eternity. We look forward to his return, for that day will usher in our time in the kingdom of paradise.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Families are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

OPENING HYMN: # 25 “The King Shall Come”

♪ **The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes—**

**Not as of old a little child
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see his face.**

Please stand for last verse:

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth.
In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve
to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray:
Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me
from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the
perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has
removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May
God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:2-6

²Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock.

You have driven them away.

You have not taken care of them,

but I will certainly take care of you,

because of the evil things you have done,

declares the LORD.

**³I will gather what is left of my flock
out of all the countries where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their pastures.**

They will be fruitful and multiply.

**⁴I will raise up shepherds over them
who will shepherd them.**

**They will no longer be afraid or terrified,
nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.**

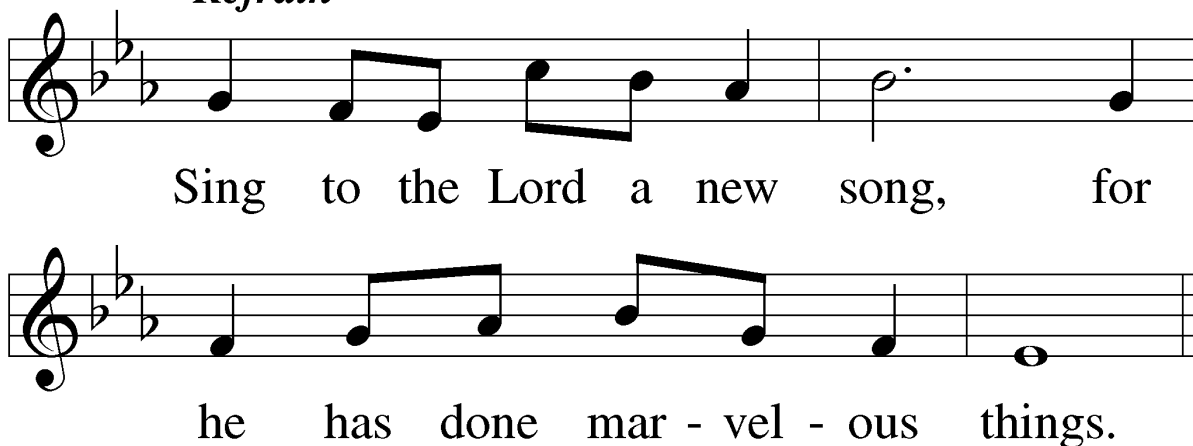
**⁵Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
who will reign wisely as king
and establish justice and righteousness on earth.**

**⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will dwell securely.**

**This is his name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 98

Refrain



Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known*
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;*
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,*
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (*Revelation 22:13*)

C: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place ... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia! (*Philippians 2*)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:35–43

³⁵The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!”

³⁶The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, ³⁷saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

³⁸There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

HYMN: “The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns”
(sung to tune of hymn # 405)

♪ The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor’s brow.

The highest place that heav’n affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And heav’n’s eternal light,

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below
To whom he manifests his love
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is giv’n;
Their name, an everlasting name;
Their joy, the joy of heav’n.

They suffer with their Lord below;
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy, to know
The myst’ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people’s hope, his people’s wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

SERMON: Colossians 1:13–20

¹³The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, ¹⁶for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷He is before all things, and all things hold together in him.

¹⁸He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: # 341 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

♪ Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond’ring eye At mysteries so bright.

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN # 370 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**♪ All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.**

Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS Pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Albert Nunez, Judy & Jim Moore, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore's grand-daughter), Austin Barnard, Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Rylie Lopez, Molly Webb, Jim Moore (Jr.) and family, Bob Ward, and Kathryn Pereira.

FLOWERS for today's service were given to the glory of God by Pat Hollum for birthday blessings.

OFFERINGS from this year's Thanksgiving Day service, (Thursday, November 28) will be sent to our synod's **Christian Aid & Relief**. It is used for times of natural disasters (hurricanes, floods, famines, fires) and for humanitarian aid (like food for people in Malawi).

POINSETTIAS are being planned for the Christmas season. Look for signup sheet in the narthex.

LADIES'S CHRISTMAS PARTY-Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring: Cookies for our shut-ins and for exchange; something for our pot-luck lunch; a gift (worth about \$5; this is completely voluntary) for exchange {No name included}. If you have participated in the Secret Sister program this past year, we will be exchanging gifts and revealing names. Drawing of new names for 2020 (If you would like to be a part of the program, but will be unable to attend the party, just let someone know and we will draw a name for you.) All ladies of the congregation, and friends, are invited and encouraged to attend this once-a-year get-together. Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	ESL, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	No Bible Study
Thursday	Thanksgiving Service, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	No Catechism
Sunday	Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, 10:00 a.m.

COMING UP

Thanksgiving Day Service, November 28, 10:00 a.m.
Soup Supper & Advent Worship - Wednesday, Dec. 4
Ladies' Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7
Caroling and Christmas Party, December 15
Living Nativity, December 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Las Posadas, 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - Festival Worship, 10:00 a.m.